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Application of: P. WEAVER *et al.*

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For: BONE PLATING SYSTEM

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In response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Entry of this amendment should place the present application in condition for allowance or at least in better condition for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2, 11-16, and 22, and amend the following claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) The bone plating system of claim 23 wherein the first screw is a self-tapping screw.

2. (Amended) The bone plating system of claim 23 wherein the first screw is a self-drilling screw.

3. (Amended) The bone plating system of claim 23 wherein the first screw is cannulated for insertion of a guide wire to guide screw placement.

4. (Amended) The bone plating system of claim 23 wherein the second screw is a self-tapping screw.